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SUBJ: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA

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1. WE MET SEPTEMBER 6 WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS (CABANA) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA. CABANA INFORMED US THAT AS FAR AS QUAI CONCERNED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 18. GERMANS REMAIN RETICENT, BUT QUAI IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS HESITATION DERIVES SOLELY
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FROM CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE PUBLICITY. CABANA SAID QUAI SEES NO REASON WHY ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE MEETING CANNOT BE PRESERVED SINCE ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE US, ARE OF THE SAME MIND. (CABANA RETURNED TO THE THEME OF CONFIDENTIALITY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.)

2. CABANA GAVE US FRENCH DRAFT OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WHICH SHE SAID INCLUDED THOSE SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE HAD MADE TO GEORGY. TEXT OF DRAFT AGENDA FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

(1) BALANCE SHEET OF MEASURES TAKEN BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU FOLLOWING THE DEMARCHES OF THE FIVE:

A. ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:

--RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA (OAU COMMISSION).

--RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA.

--RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA.

B. ON THE INTERIOR LEVEL:

--MEASURES AIMED AT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION (AMNESTY, ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS).

--INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS (DECONCENTRATION OF EXECUTIVE POWER, REGIONAL PARTICIPATION).

(2) THE SITUATION IN SHABA:

A. EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION FROM THE SECURITY ANGLE.

B. THE AFRICAN FORCE.

--LOGISTIC AND COORDINATION PROBLEMS.

--PROBABLE DURATION FOR MAINTAINING THE AFRICAN FORCE.

C. A VIEW OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE FAZ.

(3) PROBLEMS POSED BY ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN
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REFUGEES.

A. ROLE OF COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

B. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ENVISAGED FOR REINSTALLATION OF REFUGEES.

(4) ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION:

A. RESULTS OF THE JUNE MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

--ELABORATION OF A TRIMESTER BUDGET FOR UTILIZATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

--ARRIVAL OF IMF EXPERTS.

B. FORTHCOMING OCTOBER 12-13 BRUSSELS MEETING.

C. PROBLEMS POSED BY THE REOPENING OF THE BENGUELA RAILROAD. END QUOTE.

3. CONCERNING GERMAN REPRESENTATION, SUBSEQUENT TO OUR MEETING WITH CABANA WE HAD A CALL FROM THE GERMAN EMBASSY INFORMING US THAT GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING IS STILL UP IN THE AIR. GERMAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH BONN AND WAS INFORMED THAT DECISION ON PARTICIPATION WILL BE MADE "AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL" AFTER DRAFT AGENDA HAS BEEN STUDIED. (GERMAN EMBASSY HAS APPOINTMENT AT THE QUAI TOMORROW

AND WILL RECEIVE AGENDA THEN.) GERMAN EMBASSY CONFIRMED THAT FEAR OF PUBLICITY IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF GERMAN RELUCTANCE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

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4. CABANA SAID THAT QUESTION OF CONSULTING WITH AFRICAN PARTICIPATING STATES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING HAD BEEN DEBATED WITHIN THE QUAI AND CONCLUSION REACHED THAT THIS WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE AS THIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD TO COMPROMISE OF CONFIDENTIALITY. CABANA SAID QUESTION OF HOW TO CONSULT WITH AFRICANS WAS A PROPER SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING AND QUAI BELIEVED NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE IN THIS REGARD BEFORE THEN.

5. MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFERENCE CENTER (SITE OF JUNE 5 MEETING) COMMENCING

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AT 10:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 18. LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONFERENCE SITE FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON SESSION. FRENCH PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE: GUY GEORGY, DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, HEAD OF THE DELEGATION. MARIE-CLAUDE CABANA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. CABANA ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE NAMES AND TITLES OF OUR DELEGATION ASAP. WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED THE QUAI THAT US DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY LANNON WALKER AND TOTAL MAXIMUM OF FIVE PEOPLE, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL STATE REP, NSC REP, DOD REP, AND EMBASSY REP.

6. COMMENT: FROM OUR CONVERSATION TODAY, IT APPEARS THE FRENCH ARE DEVELOPING SOME ENTHUSIASM FOR THE MEETING AND BELIEVE THEY CAN CARRY THE RELUCTANT GERMANS AND BRITISH ALONG. PREMATURE PUBLICITY, HOWEVER, COULD STILL TORPEDO THE MEETING AS THE FRENCH ARE NO MORE EAGER THAN THE GERMANS AND BRITISH (AND US) TO FACE RENEWED CHARGES OF COOKING UP SCHEMES FOR AFRICA.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US IF AGENDA ACCEPTABLE AS PROPOSED AND NAMES OF US DELEGATION AS SOON AS KNOWN. WE HAVE MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS FOR THE DELEGATION AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL.
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